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Serial No.: 10/576,233

Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SLICING FOOD BARS

Group No.: 3724

Examiner: Nguyen, P.H.

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ELECTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 121

Dear Sir:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction requirement dated May 11, 2009 with respect to the above-identified patent application. Applicant does not necessarily agree with the restriction requirement, but in the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, to proceed with Group I (Claims 24, 26, 27, 29 and 31-35). Accordingly, claims 24, 26, 27, 29 and 31-35 are now pending in the application and claims 25, 28, 30, 36-46 are withdrawn, without prejudice, to pursue them by way of rejoinder, a divisional or continuation application.

CONCLUSIONS

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, the Examiner is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

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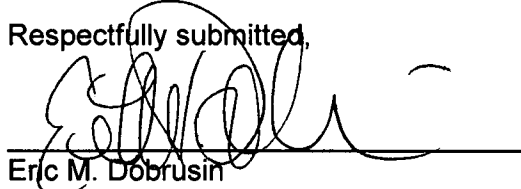
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If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Dated: June 5, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

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